Extenion of runway of Jaipur Airpprt

1419. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL. AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a; whether the N.A.A. has agreed to commence extension of runway of Jaipur Airport, construction of a new terminal building there and creation of facilities for landing of air buses and other aircrafts etc. in three phases, during 1994-95;

(b) if so, whether the work under the first phase for extension of the Air strip upto 7500 feet actually commenced for which 60 acres of land has already been given to N.A.A.;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when completion of whole work of modernisation of Jaipur Airport is expected so that the facilities for direct landing of International flights and chartered flights which would result in substantial increase in tourist traffic, foreign exchange earnings and employment opportunities in the State could be provided; and

(e) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) National Airports Authority (NAA) is undertaking the development of Jaipur airport in two phases only. The first phase is to be completed in the 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) The extension of runway from 6000 feet to 7500 feet at an estimated cost of Rs. 195 lakhs is expected to commence by September, 1994 and Is to be complatea by September, lssu.

(c) to (e) The modification and extension of terminal building is being undertaken by NAA at an estimated cost of Rs. 590 Lakhs and is likely to be completed by September, 1995. The works are going on as scheduled.

Daul Tariff of Five Star Hotels

1420. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought to do away with the controversial dual tariff imposed on Five Star Hotels in the country;

Ob) whether the Minister have asked the hotel industry to set up a Committee to submit a scheme for withdrawal of dual tariff scheme;

(c) whether any concrete proposals have been considered by the panel which has been asked to study the dual tariff abolition on Five Star hotels; and

(d) if so, by what time they are likely to give their report?

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THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Government have appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Tourism with the officials of Department of Tourism, Ministry of Finance and representative of Hotel Industry and Travel Trade. In the meeting of the Committee with the representatives of Hotel Industry and Travel Trade it was decided to set up a working group of representatives of the Hotel and Travel Associations to work out a scheme for withdrawing the dual tariff in a time bound manner.

The report of the Working Group is awaited.